"पान मसाला चबाना स्वास्थ्य के लिये हानिकारक हो सकता है"। आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन पर पान-मसाला के विज्ञापन पर प्रतिबंध है।

Critical state of Ecology and Environment

@2247. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the views expressed by experts and researchers at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Association of Indian Universities held in New Delhi recently as reported by the Indian Express of the 20th December, 1993, alleging that valuable information churned out by researchers on critical state of ecology and environment is not being made use of by Government while formulating its policies and programmes; and

(b) if so, what is being done to utilise the studies and their results for saving and improving environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH)- (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the report. It is incorrect to say that the results of research are not being utilised while formulating policies and programmes of the Government. The research results are communicated to the concerned State Governments and user agencies for information and appropriate utilisation for saving and improving environment.

"Denudation of Forests in Darjeeling Hills"

2248. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of rare spices of flora and fauna are on the verge of extinction in the Himalayan region of Darjeeling hills due to forest denudation;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to protect this; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There have been some reports of destruction of forests in the Darjeeling hills with an adverse impact on the flora and fauna.

(b) The State Government have been requested to ensure that such activities are stopped.

(c) Does not arise.

बिहार के आदिवासियों पर वन-नीति का प्रभाव

2249. श्री एस०एस० अहलुवालिया : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उसकी वर्तमान वन-नीति के कारण बिहार के आदिवासी, जिनकी आय का मुख्य स्रोत वनोत्पाद है, बुरी तरह से प्रभावित हुए हैं, क्योंकि वन विभाग के कर्मचारी उन्हें वनों से जीविकोपार्जन नहीं करने देते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार बिहार के आदिवासियों को वनों की उपज, जैसे फल, फूल और जड़ी बूटियां (औषधीय पादप) इत्यादि एकत्र कर तथा उन्हें बेच कर जीविकोपार्जन करने की अनुमति देने के लिये अपनी वन-नीति में आवश्यक परिवर्तन करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं।

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